



# HEALTHPLUS SURGERY CENTER

Elevating the Level of Outpatient Service

Date

Patient Name

Patient Address

Patient City, State Zip

Dear [Title Last Name],

You are receiving this letter because you received a procedure at HealthPlus Surgery Center, LLC (“HealthPlus”) between January 1, 2018 and September 7, 2018. An investigation by the New Jersey Department of Health revealed that during this time period, lapses in infection control in sterilization/cleaning instruments and the injection of medications may have exposed patients to bloodborne pathogens (diseases in people’s blood), such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). To date, there have not been reports of any infections or illness related to the investigation. However, **HealthPlus and the New Jersey Department of Health recommend that you get blood tests for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV.**

Knowing if you have hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or HIV is important because there are medicines, treatments, and other things that people with these infections can do to protect their health. You can be infected with these diseases and not feel sick at all. It is important that you get tested, even if you do not remember feeling sick. The tests are a simple blood test.

All of us at HealthPlus understand this may be upsetting. We want to assure you that we will assist you during this process, including paying for all medical costs associated with testing at the locations listed below. We recommend that you get tested as soon as possible. To provide you with more information, a fact sheet on these infections has been included with this letter. If you or your family members have questions call NJ Health Hotline at 1-800-962-1253 Monday through Friday from 9am-9pm. The NJ Poison Control Center is assisting with calls for this investigation.

## **How do I get a blood test?**

For your convenience, HealthPlus is paying for patients to receive blood tests at LabCorp or Hudson Regional Hospital at no charge. Patients can go to any New York or New Jersey LabCorp location. If you prefer, HealthPlus can arrange for transportation to and from Hudson Regional Hospital for your convenience and at no cost to you. Please schedule an appointment as soon as you receive this letter. ***On the day of the test, bring this letter with you.*** Please call 1-888-507-0578 Monday through Friday from 9am-9pm to make an appointment at one of the following locations:

- You may have your testing performed at any New York or New Jersey LabCorp location. Your closest location can be found here: <https://www.labcorp.com/> and an appointment

can also be scheduled through this website or by calling the testing site directly. You can also call 1-888-507-0578 between the hours of 9am-9pm Monday through Friday, and an appointment will be scheduled for you. Walk-ins without an appointment are also welcome at any New York or New Jersey LabCorp location.

**OR**

- You may have your testing performed at Hudson Regional Hospital located at 55 Meadowlands Parkway, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094. Appointments for blood tests will be scheduled at Hudson Regional Hospital between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday-Friday and between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Walk-ins without an appointment are also welcome during these hours. If you prefer to schedule an appointment and/or require assistance with transportation to Hudson Regional Hospital, you can call 1-888-507-0578 between the hours of 9am-9pm Monday through Friday.

Please bring this letter and photo identification with you to the testing site on the day of your tests. If you will be having the blood tests performed by LabCorp, please also bring the LabCorp enclosure with you.

Please be advised that if you elect to have your tests performed by a provider or laboratory other than Hudson Regional Hospital or LabCorp, HealthPlus will not be responsible for any costs associated with the testing you receive and any fees paid by you in connection with such tests will not be reimbursed. To be clear, HealthPlus will only cover costs associated with lab testing performed by Hudson Regional Hospital or LabCorp.

**How will I get my blood test results?**

A copy of the test results will be sent to you and your doctor and you will be contacted by a representative from Hudson Regional Hospital with your results

**What if my blood test is positive?**

If your blood test is positive, a representative from Hudson Regional Hospital will explain the results and provide you with a referral to the appropriate specialist. Additionally, NYC residents can find care through the NYC Health Map found here: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/NYCHHealthMap>. We understand that this may be an upsetting situation for you, and that you and your family may have additional questions or concerns about the information you have received.

You may also call the HealthPlus hotline with questions at 1-888-507-0578 Monday through Friday from 9am-9pm. Included with this letter is a fact sheet about hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV. This information explains about the diseases and may answer some of your questions.

Sincerely,  
HealthPlus Surgery Center, LLC